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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Edwin J. "Ed" Tangney of Decatur on Tuesday, May 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on May 28, 1932, in Decatur to Edwin "Skeet" Tangney and Helen (Lynch) Tangney; after graduating from Decatur High School in 1950, he joined the Air Force and was stationed in Texas and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning to Decatur, Mr. Tangney began working alongside his father as a plasterer; he always said he helped plaster every school in Decatur; besides working in the schools, they also plastered the hospitals and numerous homes and businesses throughout Decatur; and

WHEREAS, He married Phyllis Grolla on November 2, 1957; they lived in Harristown for 21 years and raised five children; in 1972, he began working as a Macon County Code Enforcement Officer; he was appointed Macon County Recorder of Deeds in 1976; he and his cousin, William "Bill" Tangney, Macon County Clerk, worked in the courthouse together for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Tangney married Georgia Mancini, and they raised two children; after almost 30 years of serving Macon County, he decided to retire; he was so proud that his daughter, Mary Eaton, followed in the Tangney Political Tradition; she was appointed Recorder in 1999 upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Although Ed was "retired", he was always on the go; he helped family and friends remodel their homes and businesses, always lending the experienced hand of a plasterer and handyman; as if that wasn't enough to keep him busy, he started yet another job to occupy his spare time; he worked for

1 Miles Chevrolet for three years; and

2 WHEREAS, He was extremely proud of his children and  
3 grandchildren; he really enjoyed seeing their names and  
4 pictures in the paper for sports, school activities, and  
5 politics; he always had the articles laminated so he could  
6 proudly show them to everyone; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Edwin J. "Ed" Tangney has been  
8 deeply felt by many, especially his sons, Patrick Tangney and  
9 wife Lisa and Tony Mancini and wife Ruby; his daughters, Lori  
10 McKinney and husband Bill, Mary Eaton and husband Mike, Jody  
11 Dresback and husband Loren, and Rebecca Kennedy and husband  
12 Greg; his grandchildren, Rachel Carlton, Matt and Cassie  
13 Tangney, Mason Eaton, and Gretchen and Savannah Mancini; his  
14 great-granddaughter, Isabella Carlton; his sisters, Lenora  
15 "Sug" Lee and husband Jim and Dorothy Peek; and his many nieces  
16 and nephews; he was preceded in death by his father and mother;  
17 his son, William "Billy" Tangney; and his sisters, Rosemary  
18 "Mick" Orrell and Margaret "Mag" Olinger; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we mourn the passing of Edwin J. "Ed" Tangney, and we extend  
22 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
23 knew and loved him; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
26 sympathy.